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AAA Hockey in Wilberforce

By Sue Clarkson

Clara.

The Central Ontario Wolves, featuring Ken Ablett from Wilberforce, Greg Luck from Haliburton, and Dan Jordan from Minden, took on the Whitby Wildcats in a most enjoyable exhibition game on Friday, January 26, in Wilberforce.

Some three hundred hockey fans packed the stands. They did not go away disappointed. The coaches introduced their players and where they hailed from, prior to the start of the game.

Clara Burt from Harcourt did a wonderful job singing the National Anthem. Thanks again,

Maybe we should rename the Monmouth Arena, the Monmouth Gardens. The Central Ontario Wolves dominated the whole first period of play, culminating in a well earned goal by Rob Obie, assisted by Dan Jordan and Corrie West with just 58 seconds left.

That same line produced another goal shortly into the start of the second. This time scored by Corrie West from Dan Jordan and Rob Obie. The two teams battled evenly throughout the period.

The Whitby Wildcats answered with their first goal part way through

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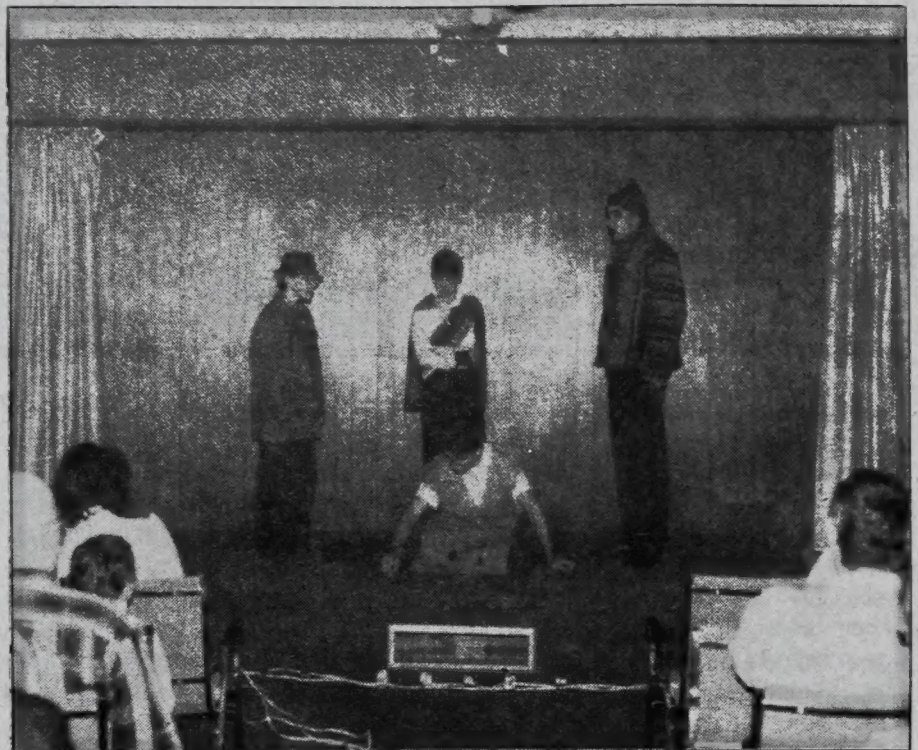
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Harcourt Chapel Celebrates



Job, in abject misery, has his misery increased by his three "friends" in this powerfully dramatic portrayal by the young people of Harcourt Community Chapel

"May joy come from God above
To all those with Christmas Love
Thank you God for your Son
Merry Christmas Everyone!"

Kate Redshaw.

Thus the Beginners, led by Evonne Hughes and Jacquie Scott, welcomed an overflow crowd to the Harcourt Community Chapel on Sunday evening, December 17, for the annual Sunday School Christmas Concert. All the classes - and several individuals - led in a varied program. Announcer was Superintendent Sam Rivers.

Special music was offered by Nathan Hughes and his saw; Kate Redshaw; and Mark Hughes.

"I pray to Jesus for good things to happen; I don't pray to Jesus for bad things to happen," added Audrina Townsend in a recitation which she had written.

The class of Mrs. Jean Thomas sang, "'C' is for the Christ Child." Song leader was

The Teen class (teacher is Sam Rivers) presented a drama for any season. With elaborate sound, drama, lighting, costumes, and a smoke machine, they told the Story of Job. Job - in the Old Testament - is a book for sufferers. Its theme, as presented again by the young people, is: "Bad things sometimes happen to good people." We watched pros-

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BICROFT TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

by Ann W. Smith

Bicroft Township Council held its January meeting on the evening of Thursday the 25th in the Council Chambers in Cardiff Townsite with all members present.

A thick pile of correspondence was dealt with, some of which was read and some had the

contents described. Several letters were filed for future reference.

A Thank You note from Clare Flagler of Our Lady of Lourdes for the use of the Community Centre for the Christmas Bazaar was greatly appreciated.

A letter from the Canadian Northern Recycling Corpora-

tion explained their policy of returning non recyclable materials to each municipality according to the percentage of such materials that show up in the recycling bins. The council will request a meeting with the Corporation in order to clarify the types of materials that can and cannot be recycled.

At present there is confusion over, for example, what kinds of cardboard and plastics are acceptable. Where Campeau Disposal Services picks up there is better sorting done than by individuals taking the waste to the land fill site.

The Ministry of Natural Resources described the new fishing regulations.

A request for

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Snowmobile Related Death

Bancroft O.P.P.

snowmobile.

On Friday, January 26, at approximately 1:35 p.m., Bancroft O.P.P. was advised of a fatal snowmobile accident that had occurred on Hoover Lake, Lot 8 Concession 15, Carlow Township.

The deceased, Vincent STINSON, 17, of R.R. # 1, Maple Leaf, was riding on a tube towed behind a

The tube struck the shoreline of the lake and Stinson was ejected from the tube, suffering fatal injuries.

The driver of the snowmobile was Cory ARMSTRONG, age 17, of R.R. 1, Maple Leaf.

The accident is being investigated by Const. E. Johnson, of the Bancroft O.P.P.

Highland Animal Relief Team

By Stewart Smith

1995.

"H.A.R.T." should soon become well known throughout the Highlands area. This group, the Highland Animal Relief Team, introduced itself to the public at a meeting in the Senior Citizens Clubhouse, Bancroft, on Wednesday, January 17. Close to 60 people attended the meeting.

Chairperson Madeleine Marentette traced the idea to the summer of

The organization already has many plans and goals - so many that one could at first be confused. The basic goal is to provide a local organization for assistance to animals in trouble - especially pets.

Does this sound like the Humane Society, or the S.P.C.A. (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)? H.A.R.T. plans to affiliate with the OSPCA.

Humane Society

shelters are all in distant cities. "There wasn't anything here. Now there is," one of the Directors of H.A.R.T. noted.

FOSTER & ADOPTION
Diane Hollinger led the discussion on Foster Homes for homeless dogs or cats. Volunteers would provide temporary homes for such animals, until they could be adopted.

Meanwhile H.A.R.T. would attempt to find "stable, lov-

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Heritage Guild Reports Busy Year



The third annual Heritage Guild Corn Roast is planned for Thursday, August 15, 1996. This is from the first Corn Roast at the Red Cross Outpost

By Cathy Agnew

Once again we were fortunate to receive a grant from the Federal Government, under the Summer Career Placement programme, to hire a student to operate the Outpost Historic House. By hiring a second student on our own and running Tuesdays with volunteer help it allowed us to be open every day from July 1 to Labour Day.

The students, Jennifer Dunford and Patsy Simiana, ran a Children's programme on three different occasions, entered a float in the Country Good Times parade, helped with

the Afternoon Tea and the Annual Corn Roast, as well as being official guides to visitors.

The students also receive training in encapsulating documents and recording artifacts.

Over the course of the summer more than 300 people visited the Outpost.

The summer isn't the only time the Heritage Guild is active.

In February, to celebrate Heritage Week, an old-fashioned games day was held at the Outpost. There was a great turn out in the afternoon to play a card game of Court Whist; and in the evening the Girl

Guides joined the adults for dominoes, crokinole, and rummikubs.

The Heritage Guild took part in the Canada Day Celebrations at the Lloyd Watson Centre on July 1st.

Starting in July and running through to Labour Day we hosted a display of Gertrude

Leroy Miller's artwork at the Outpost. Mrs. Miller was an avid painter; and many of her pictures hang in local homes. The Heritage Guild is very grateful to all who loaned their pictures, leather work, and other

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NO PENSION INCREASE

Haliburton County Information Centre

If you are expecting an increase in Old Age Security cheque this month, don't.

As you may be aware, the OAS amount is increased every three months: January, March, June and September to reflect the cost of living.

Statistics Canada has determined that there was no increase in the cost of living for

January 96, and subsequently there will be no change on your cheque.

Canada Pension however will be increased by 1.8% as this represents the 1995 cost of living increase.

Have you a question that needs answering? Do you require support or assistance in accessing services? We can help.

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Bancroft Arena Commission

Assesses Its Situation

By the Arena Comm. as presented in the Bancroft Times

This winter season 1995-96 represents the 25th year of operations of our Arena Commission and our Arena at its present location on Faraday Heights in Bancroft. (The previous location of the arena was across from the Post Office where the Chateau now stands.)

Our present arena facilities were made possible by the cooperation of a number of municipalities and local service clubs/organizations. The Bancroft Legion, the Bancroft Lions Club, the Bancroft - Cardiff Kinsmen and Kinettes as well as Bancroft, Bicroft, Cardiff, Dunganon, Faraday, Herschel and Montegale put money towards the construction of the building. The Municipalities of Bancroft, Bicroft,

Cardiff, Dunganon, Faraday, Herschel and Montegale all agreed to continue to support the facility by making a yearly contribution. In return, each of these supporting municipalities received a voting seat on the N.H.C.C. Arena Commission that oversees the operation of the facilities.

Current economic and political pressures towards cutbacks threaten the continuing memberships in the Arena Commission. Also, as more and more people from outside the supporting municipalities continue to use the facility without having their own municipality take out a membership, it becomes hard for existing members to see the advantages of their memberships. With the current trend to-

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Fraudulent Phone Call Demanding Information

Bancroft O.P.P.

On Thursday, January 18, a female in Anstruther Township, received a telephone call from a woman reporting to be from Revenue Canada.

The caller wanted to obtain the "correct" Social Insurance Number from the woman called and advised her that the Revenue Department had her incorrect Social Insurance Number and that in order to obtain her G.S.T. rebate, the correct Social Insurance Number is required.

The caller was then supplied with the number.

Revenue Canada was contacted and they advised that this department does not "telephone" individuals to obtain their Social Insurance Numbers.

If anyone receives telephone calls from any one requesting personal information, please be careful what information you give out.

Government agencies generally send requests by mail when they have conflicting or incorrect information.

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Frosty Frolics Is Coming



Chris Fouts and Gord Mackey, of the Chamber of Commerce, enjoyed pancake breakfast at last year's Frosty Frolics. They will be back again this year, to the Eastern Star Hall, on Saturday, February 17

Frosty Frolics, lent Lake Park 17 and 18 sponsored by the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce, will be held this year from February 10 to February 18. Many events of different kinds are planned for the 9 days. They include:

- * Cross Country Ski events at Si-
- * Snowmobile Fun Ride, February 14
- * Indoor Skating in Bancroft Arena, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- * The Peterborough Symphony Orchestra as part of the Concert Series, February 15
- * Ontario Natural Luge Race on Feb.
- * "A Talent for Murder" Mystery Theatre, Village Playhouse, Feb. 16, 17, 18
- * Snowarama on Saturday, Feb. 24
- * The 14th Annual Sled Dog Races, on February 17, with associated events including a Craft Show in the Bancroft Legion Hall

A Talent for Murder

From notes by Barry Lambeck

Cast will include

- * Donna Forth;
- * Mike Beeston;
- * Steve Hepburn;
- * John Foreman;
- * Jennifer Warr;
- * Graham Forth;
- * Barry Lambeck;
- * Luke Hetu.

A total of 192 tickets have been prepared for each evening. They will be managed by a member of the Community Policing Committee, and will be available in various outlets in Bancroft. A

suggested list of sales outlets includes:

- * the Harvest Moon Whole Foods;
- * The Great Escape Book Store;
- * Bancroft Public Library.

Any tickets left over would be sold at the door on the evening of the performance.

The three performances have been specifically timed to coincide with Bancroft's Frosty Frolics celebrations.

The audience will become actively involved in the drama during the evening.

Thefts Near Home

Bancroft O.P.P.

double cassette player and a Luger BB rifle.

On Monday, January 29, police received a complaint of a break, enter and theft that occurred at a home on Hemlock Street in Cardiff.

Culprit(s) entered the house and stole a Technics 5 CD player, JVC

On Friday, February 2, police received a complaint from Ontario Hydro of a theft of 7500 metres of aluminum cable. The cable was stolen from the Paudash Compound.

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Bancroft Hospital Worries & Plans

By Stewart Smith

"Right now we cannot continue with 21 beds for the new fiscal year," North Hastings District Hospital Administrator Donna Robinson told the Courier, on January 9, 1996.

"We were already in a deficit situation," she reminds us. Now there has been an additional 5% decrease in funding. And there will be another decrease in 1997.

"We are assessing all the services," she confirms.

* The Hospital is using Oxygen Concentrators instead of liquid oxygen, which was "the most expensive."

* The Physio-Therapy Department has been reduced to four days a week, divided between two workers.

* Citizens are helping. Thank you. "A lot more people are going to the doctors' offices," instead of the Emergency Ward. "The message

is getting through to the community.

In addition to all these, another temporary closure of hospital beds is coming. For **TWO WEEKS**, from

MARCH 2 - MARCH 17 the hospital will cut back to 5 beds - as was done over the Christmas and New Year's period.

For the longer term, the Futures Study continues, and a Consultant has been retained. The study is expected to be completed by the end of March, 1996.

Wilberforce Heritage Guild

By Stewart Smith

"Should there be a life-time membership?" This was a question posed for the Wilberforce Heritage Guild at its annual meeting, in the Monmouth Council Chambers, Wilberforce, on Thursday, January 25.

The Guild has several Honourary Members now: the three nurses of the Red Cross Outpost -

- * Sylvia Cameron;
- * Vicci Agnew (deceased);
- * Marion Tallman; and also
- * Winnie and Reg Schofield.

"The [Red Cross] Outpost was our main project," the Guild members emphasized, "but not necessarily our only project." Emphasized Chair Cathy Agnew. "We'd sure love to have your input" for other projects.

Some suggested such ideas as:

- * an historic walk around Wilberforce;

- * a written tour guide of the Loop, including the historic Essonville Church and School, and the Tory Hill United Church and Hall;

- * material such as the above, which would make interesting bus tour destinations in the area.

Present realities include a Video

featuring the nurses, and their life and travels in the area. "It's fun to watch," Cathy Agnew reported. It is available for loan.

Plans were made for the now annual Corn Roast, on August 15, 1996.

The Board of Directors was re-elected:

- * Cathy Agnew - Chairperson;

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Fraud at Bank

Bancroft O.P.P.

bank card. The bank card was used during the weekend involving several empty envelope deposits and cash withdrawals.

On Monday, January 22, Bancroft O.P.P. received a complaint of a fraud at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Bancroft.

Investigation revealed that a female reported the theft of her purse and its contents, consisting of a

Charged with Fraud was Annette Brenda JOHNSON, of Bancroft. Johnson is scheduled to appear in Provincial Court on March 7.

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EDITORIAL

By: Stewart Smith

We do not - and should not - often use this space to talk about ourselves. But please indulge us now.

Have we not been "out and about" as much as we should be, during the past two months? There has been a reason. We have had a series of car problems. Now we are faced with sudden purchases of new-to-us vehicles, to put us back on the road on a reliable basis.

That means that we must look to the Courier to provide us with additional money to meet new, unexpected bills. How can it do that? Let us ask you to help us select the ways.

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But we cannot emphasize too much the importance to us of subscriptions. These are the measure of our support - and therefore credibility - in your community.

The only cost saving to us would be if you renew early, before we mail out expiry notices.

UNPAID BILLS: We notice that Canadian Tire charges 30% interest on unpaid gasoline bills. In order to protect ourselves, we must charge the same for slowly paid advertising bills.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: This was planned to be low enough that any organization (youth group, women's group, etc.) could advertise its regular meetings without hurting its budget.

Can we keep that objective, while raising "Mark Your Calendar" rates a little? Could we raise the price to \$4 per entry - or \$5 per entry?

We would still have to charge the \$1 extra for mailing invoices.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING: Could we raise our display advertising rate from \$6.50 to \$7 per column inch? This would raise the price of the popular Business Card sized ad by \$2 per insertion. The raise would be on new contracts only, and would not begin until March 1.

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce**WINTER BLUES**

Anyone who has had the flu shot just seems to get colds. Of course they hang on like grim death, but you don't get as much sympathy.

We haven't had the flu for at least twenty years, thanks to the flu shot; but I can still remember all the symptoms. Every part of your body ached right from the roots of your hair to the tips of your fingernails. Not only that, but your head felt full enough to burst, and you were either freezing or burning up.

When we were kids the cure was almost as bad as the disease. It was no good going to the doctor; he couldn't help you. You had to rely on Home Remedies.

First of all you were slathered with Buckley's Medicated Ointment. No home remedy was ever without a tin of this. A hot water bottle was then placed at your feet and you had to take Aspirin and drink something hot: tea or soup. And then you were covered up tight.

This usually felt so good you went right off to sleep. In about an hour you woke up so hot the bed was wet with sweat; your eyes were stinging from the fumes of the medicated ointment; and no matter how hard you tried to throw off the covers, someone was right there to throw them on again and add another one. The idea was that the flu bug could be sweated out of your system.

If you survived this one, and you still weren't better, the next cure was even worse: a big dose of Epsom Salts. I don't think there is any-

thing that tastes worse than Epsom Salts. But one thing about it - you sure got out of bed in a hurry!

In a few days you were so weak and shaky you could hardly stand up, whether from the illness or the cure it would be hard to say. But no matter what, you would declare that you felt better because by this time you were sure these home remedies would be the end of you.

Thank heavens for the flu shot. It sure saves a lot of misery!

There are a lot of cures for the flu that have been passed down through the years. Chicken soup is one. Hanging cut up onions on the head of your bed at night is another. And so is soaking your feet in mustard water. Some people swear by a hot toddy, mostly toddy and a good night's sleep. Some like to stay warm and snug in bed; and others like to fling the windows open and let the Arctic air revive them.

The only cure I hope I don't have to have again in my life is being rubbed with medicated ointment. The thoughts of this take my breath away.

I was lying in bed the other day nursing a cold and feeling sorry for myself, and it came to me that perhaps I should make out a will for my personal possessions (well you never know, do you). As I thought about it I realized all I had worth leaving was my new shoes and the quilting frames I got for Christmas. So I decided it wasn't time to go yet, and got up and went to work.

Letter: Shooting the Hippo

By Paul Whittaker

In her book, Shooting the Hippo, Linda McCuaig provides ample evidence that Canada's debt is made up of 1%, at most, spending on social programs; and most of the balance through high interest rates set by the Governor of the Bank of Canada, Mr. John Crow.

Also a major contributor is the high unemployment (lower government income) deliberately caused by the same high interest rates.

Crow decided to bring the rate of inflation down from a very reasonable 4% when he took office, by using the "Recession Method." This consists of throwing the country into Recession by raising interest rates until corporations lay off sufficient workers to slow the economy below inflation.

Called N.A.I.R.U. by the Bank this is estimated to [require] a necessary minimum 8% unemployment.

This method used

by Crow, with the full backing of the Conservative Finance Minister, Mr. Michael Wilson, also incurs a "Sacrifice Ratio" (the Bank term) currently set at about 30 billion of G.D.P. for each 1% the inflation rate is lowered.

Anyone with a brain has to ask, Why would he do this? The answer seems to be to protect the Bond Holders from the ravages of inflation.

We have to remember: when the C.D. Howe Institute,

the Fraser Institute, and other like minded groups promote a policy, it can only be in the interests of the Directors of those bodies - none of whom carry a lunch bucket to work.

To those in high office who would bluster a rebuttal to this summary (we would never do such a thing) Chief Executive Officers' earnings went up 30% last year, while Corporate profits soared up 60%.

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Letter: Responsible Gun Owners of Ontario

In the wake of the Clinton Gayle trial I would like to make a few observations.

Certain news media in the US are reporting as gospel the results of a "study" by Handgun Control, Inc. HCI is a gun prohibitionist advocacy group in the United States from which the Canadian Coalition for Gun

Control takes its plays.

The statements being made include, that the homicide of 36 percent of law enforcement officers committed with guns banned by President Clinton in 1994 justifies the need for that law.

The "study" contradicted the findings of the FBI and the Bureau of

Justice Statistics by grossly exaggerating the use of certain firearms in the most heinous of crimes.

From 1984 to 1993 the FBI found that no more than 3% of officers feloniously killed by attackers were armed with firearms covered by the Clinton Gun Ban.

Consequently, the

HCI "study" really proves the ineffectiveness of bans. If this study were true, the group's claim of 36% for 1994 through Sept. 1995 represents a 33% increase in police killings by criminals using banned guns. That would demonstrate that the Clinton Gun Ban has failed to protect the police

or stop the use of that type of firearm by criminals.

Gun ban advocates failed to address the real problem facing law enforcement in the US. During the last decade, 73% of persons involved in officer slayings had prior criminal arrests; 56% had prior criminal convictions; and 23% were on

parole or probation at the time of the killings.

Since these figures do not differ much from Canada, the Recreational Firearms Community here has long recommended keeping killers in prison, abolition of parole for violent criminals, and demanded adult

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Wilberforce Heritage Guild Review

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Celebrating Christmas, 1995, at the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce

handiwork to ensure an interesting display.

On August 1st, an Afternoon Tea was held in honour of former nurses. An interesting and informal afternoon was spent with Mrs Sylvia Cameron, Mrs. Vicci Agnew, and Mrs. Marion Tallman: all for-

mer nurses at the Outpost.

August 15 was the Annual Corn Roast and approximately 100 people turned out to enjoy an evening of friendly chatting and delicious corn on the cob.

December 11 marked the Christmas Open House, held

in the afternoon and evening; and a fair crowd enjoyed the Christmas readings, caroling and apple cider.

In this brief summary of the year's events I'm sure that there are items that I have missed. Overall I feel that we have progressed.

This past year as chairperson of the Heritage Guild certainly has been a learning experience for me. It has been a pleasure working on a board with such a competent crew who are always willing to pitch in when there is work to be done.

Preparations for Out of Country Trip

Haliburton Co. Information Service

Are you going south this winter or taking a vacation? Here are a couple of important reminders to add to your check list.

Check the expiry date of your vehicle ownership and driver's licence. Fines for out of date licences can be costly and time consuming when crossing borders on your return home.

The Ministry of Transportation sends renewal notices approximately two months before the expiry date on your licence. You can renew upon receipt of your renewal notice at any Ministry of Transportation licence outlet. There are provis-

ions for advanced renewals, renewing six months prior to the due date. However, advanced renewals can only be processed through a Ministry of Transportation Driver Education Centre.

A licence can be renewed by mail or by a person other than the licence holder, providing no photo is required and the licence holder has

signed the renewal form.

Notify the insurance agent that provides your home owner policy and automobile policy of your plans to be away. Most home insurance policies have very strict guidelines; make sure you know what they are. Your policy may stipulate that you must have home checks made at regular

intervals while you are away. It may dictate that failure to notify your agent when you are away nullifies your coverage or even terminates your policy.

Check with your agent regarding exactly what your automobile insurance coverage is and if it is adequate for the area you will be travelling in. If you are renting a car, don't assume that your automobile insurance coverage will be acceptable with the leaser.

Heritage Guild Meets

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- * Ernie Hemphill, Treasurer;
- * Hilda Clark - Past President;
- * Lloyd Griffiths;
- * Judy Johnson;
- * Nadeen Sanderson;
- * Gerald Shackleton
- * Pat Simiana;
- * June Williams;
- * a space reserved for a Monmouth Township repres-

entative. The Wilberforce Heritage Guild generally meets on the first Monday of the month, often in the morning during the winter, and often in Hilda Clark's House in the Village.

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B.E.A.R.

By Stewart Smith

"Buy - Enjoy - And - Return."

This is the name of a book exchange now set up at Agnew's General Store, in Wilberforce, and operated as a fund-raising effort for the Monmouth Fire Department.

In the store are a few shelves of used books.

The purchaser buys a book for 25¢, and takes it home to read it. The money goes to the Fire Department.

When the book has been read, the purchaser returns it to B.E.A.R. so that someone else can purchase it and read it. Now the system sounds more like a Library with a 25¢ user fee.

If the purchaser wants to keep that particular book, he/she is encouraged to bring another one to the

B.E.A.R. exchange, so that the book shelves can remain stocked.

All those purchase fees do count up.

In 1994, the first year of operation, the B.E.A.R. exchange gave \$300 to the Monmouth Fire Department. At least as much was raised in 1995.

The plan was borrowed from the Highland Grove General Store, which has had a similar book exchange operating for several years.

Keepers of the B.E.A.R. in Wilberforce want to curb the enthusiasm of any who might want to add personal libraries to the book exchange. There is an ample supply of books now, and additional books in boxes in storage. B.E.A.R. deals in both paper-backs and hard cover books.

Contributions Increase

Haliburton County Information Centre

Revenue Canada has increased the amount that employers and employees contribute to the Canada Pension Plan.

Effective in 1996, employees can expect a 1% increase in their CPP deductions. In

1995 the Canada Pension Plan deduction was 2.7%. Beginning 1996, the deduction will equal 2.8%. The maximum CPP contribution will be \$893.20 per year. As well, deduction rates and maximum contribution amounts have changed for those that are self employed.

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Dear Amy

Dear Amy,

My fiancé and I are planning to be married in July.

My mother wants to have a shower for me and she is also thinking of asking the guests to bring money instead of gifts. She feels that this way we could buy the items we need in the proper colours, etc.

I am horrified.

We have discussed this quite often and I keep telling Mother how I feel about it. I have heard that this is poor etiquette. I know that Mother reads your column and I also feel quite sure that she would abide by your decision on the matter.

Amy, please help.

- Showers of Confusion

Dear Showers of Confusion:

You are so right.

First of all, it is considered to be quite improper for a close relative such as a mother or a sister to host a shower.

Secondly, I think that it seems impersonal when money is given instead of gifts; and I'm not sure how I would describe asking for it. I guess the word that comes to mind is "uncouth".

The months prior to a wedding should be a delightful time for mother and daughter. But, unfortunately, there often seems to be a great deal of stress.

I pray that God will grant you and your Mom serenity and peace as you make all of the necessary preparations for your big day.

Best wishes to you and your fiancée.

- Sincerely, Amy

Would you like to discuss a problem with "Dear Amy"? Write to her: c/o Cardiff Courier, Box 99, Cardiff, Ontario. K0L 1M0.

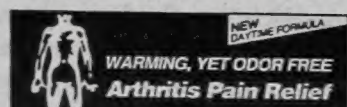


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AAA Game in W'bfce

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the second, and tied the game five minutes later with their second and last goal of the game.

With four seconds left in the period, the Wolves took the lead once again on a goal by Greg Luck, from Rob Obie and Jeff Ashton.

Once again, the Wolves controlled the puck throughout the third and notched one more on the game sheet by Scott Tomlinson, assisted by Mike Hanna and Rod Porter.

Final score was: Wolves 4 - Wildcats 2.

This was a great win for the Wolves who had gone down to defeat in their last match with the Wildcats 4-0.

During the break some draws were made.

The winner of the

door prize (a fruit basket donated by Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce) was Glen Fick of Haliburton.

Lee Donaldson of Harcourt won \$130 in the 50/50 draw.

Darlene Reil of Gooderham won the framed wolf print (donated by the Central Ontario Wolves Minor Bantam team).

The Wolves also brought along souvenir program books that were very much appreciated.

Wilberforce Minor Hockey would like to thank both the teams again, for going to the trouble of travelling such a distance so we could see our local young men play. It was a great show of support to them. We hope to do it again next year.

JOB at Harcourt Chapel

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perous Job, robbed of his belongings; and then deserted by his wife. We watched as he sat in the mud, in agony, with skin infections.

We watched his "comforters" (one of whom, some say, was the shortest man in the Bible) challenge Job's integrity. If he was not a sinner, they insisted, God would not make him suffer thus.

At the end of much suffering, Job was told by God, "You've been faithful to me in hard times."

Let the young people present their own conclusion:

"And that is my story...I have learned that God has a plan no matter what the circumstances. During my trial I wondered, 'If there's a God in heaven, why does He let me suffer?' But when I was at my lowest point I thought back to when God came to Earth as a man.

"I imagine Mary probably wondered the same thing. Why would God come as a helpless child and be born

in a barn? In fact Jesus' life was full of suffering. He was never rich like me. In fact, the Bible says he had nowhere to lay his head. Why would God send his only Son Jesus to die on a Cross? All these questions flashed through my mind as I was lying in the mud.

Then I realized that God in his love, had a plan. Because Jesus died on the cross we are all freed from the bondage of sin.

Likewise God has a plan for you and I. No matter what our circumstances.

Even when we suffer, or have lost loved ones. Through it all God has a plan, and it is all because, 2000 years ago when God came as a man."

In an unusual metaphor, Chapel leader, Charles Hughes, compared Sunday School to medicine, which must be taken regularly to be effective. "It is not a pill to be taken once a year," [but] "needs to be taken regularly." He insisted, "Medication taken erratically does little good."

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Wilberforce Hockey
Schedule

By Sue Clarkson

Home games on Saturday, February 10 start with the Mites at 12:30; Tykes 1:45; and PeeWees at 2:45. The Atoms may be playing but the schedule is not in at this time.

Letter: Gun Owners

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time for juveniles me prevents crime. who commit adult crime. Unfortunately this secret is not shared by our legal system which includes lawyers, Allan Rock and Jean Chretien.

During the last decade, states with the lowest incidence of police officer slayings are among those with the highest increases in incarceration rates. Other states including the District of Columbia which suffer the highest incidence of officer killings are among those with poor to only moderate incarceration rate trends.

Criminals are the real weapons which need to be controlled. Prison ti-

I would like to dedicate this to fellow shooters in police forces across Canada.

-Jules Sobrian, MD Omeme, Ont.
-Responsible Firearm Owners of Ontario.

Sales Help Wanted

ADVERTISING SALES: We are in great need of an advertising sales person for the Haliburton and Phone Code 705 area. The person would need time, and a vehicle. Pay would be by commission on sales made. Please contact us if you are interested.

Letter:

Shooting the Hippo

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Meanwhile employment among those between 18 and 25 years of age, for instance, stands at 18%; and wages dropped 2% last year.

I find obscene the spectacle of Royal Bank profits of 1.25 Billion Dollars last year, and the rich patting themselves on the back; while many of our leaders ship money offshore to avoid taxes and responsibility - all the time blaming the debt on those at the bottom of the ladder.

- Paul Whittaker, Gilmour, Ont.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 14 Chamber of Commerce Snowmobile Fun Ride. Starts 9:30 a.m. at the Old Station, in Bancroft. No charge - valid trail permit required. Information: 613-332-1513.

Wednesday, February 14 Highland Grove Lunch. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Highland Grove Community Centre. Note the Wednesday.

Saturday, February 17 Frosty Frolics Sled Dog Races and Craft Show. Fun starts at 10 a.m. at the old Railway Station, Bancroft. Call 613-332-1513.

Saturday, February 17 Deadline for Advertising in the next Cardiff Courier

Thursday, February 22 Distribution Day for the next Cardiff Courier.

Tuesday, February 27 C.N.I.B. Vision Day: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Bancroft Legion Hall. "Open House" or C.N.I.B. clinic style day.

Are You Tired of belonging to a Secret Society? For only \$3.00 per insertion (\$4.00 if we must mail an invoice) your activities can be announced in "Mark Your Calendar." Then they will be a secret no longer.

Bancroft Arena Commission Reports

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wards user fees, means that their it will become residents will now necessary to impose face user fees. these others. Everyone must realize that as As an example, this year the Township of Bicroft (which includes the townsite of Cardiff) has officially notified the Arena Commission that they are opting out of the Agreement. As a result of this action, the right of the residents of this municipality to use the Arena shall cease. This other supporting

users. The following is a list of non-supporting Townships that currently have residents using the N.H.C.C.: Airy, Anstruther, Bicroft, Carlow, Cashel, Chandos, Effingham, Limerick, Mayo, McClure, Wicklow, and Wollaston. All of these users will have to be prepared for user fees. However, the same reasons for creating an Arena Commission back in

1969 exist today for expanding the Arena Commission. Back in 1969, individually we could not afford to build such a facility as we have today. But together we could and did. Today in 1996, individually we cannot afford to maintain such a facility. But together we can and will.

The Arena Commission continues to make every attempt

to put its own house in order. A Program Committee is trying to maximize existing revenue opportunities. A new Pro Shop has been established which should generate \$3000. to \$4000. a year. Extra events, both winter and summer, will also help make the arena more self-supporting. A Budget Committee is doing what every municipality and business in the area is doing: examining every penny before it is spent to make sure that the Arena Operations are running like a profitable business. The Arena Commission continues to be accountable to all supporting municipalities.

We invite you to talk to your municipal representative or to an Arena Commission representative and let them know whether you want to support the facility.

Arena Commissioners for 1995-1996
Bancroft - Mike Devenish 332-2167
Bancroft - Sean Hawley, 332-7625
Bicroft - vacant - Twp. office, 339-2442
Cardiff - Helen McIntyre, 339-2303
Dungannon - Larry McTaggart, 332-3637
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Alleged Vandal Caught

On December 11, uled to appear in police received a Young Offenders complaint of a Court in Bancroft false fire alarm on March 21, 1996. being set off at Also on this same date, the same the North Hastings High School, Bancroft. The investigation [led police to] a 15 year This same student old Young Offender was also charged male from Coe with Uttering Hill. He is sched- Threats.

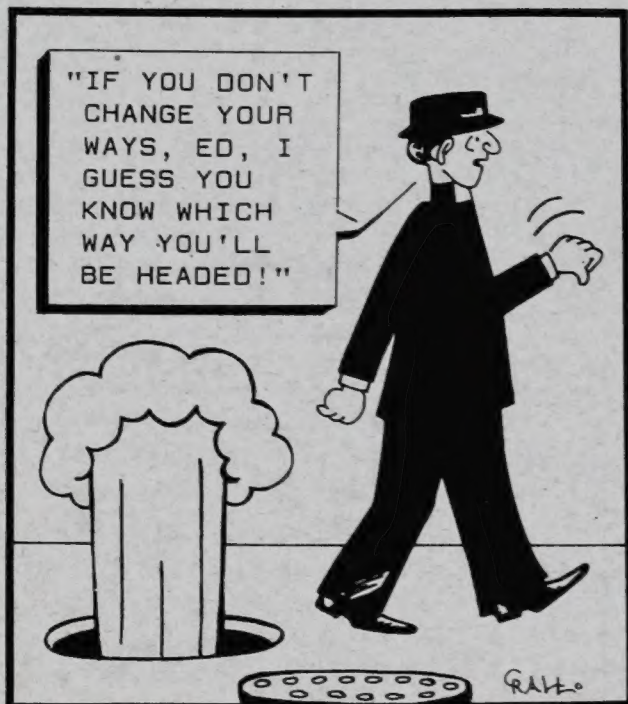
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Highland Animal Relief Team

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Dr. Ernie Mackey speaks at the H.A.R.T. meeting. Looking on are: Dr. Santinder Singh, Diane Hollinger, Sharon Mullen, and Heli McKeen

ing homes" where such pets could be placed permanently. There would even be follow-up and emotional support to the adopting families.

Arrangements have already been made with an area business to have it sponsor a "Pet for Adoption" advertisement in a local newspaper (not the Courier).

SHELTER

The most ambitious plan of H.A.R.T. was outlined by Dr. Santinder Singh, who is planning to set up a Veterinary practice in the Bancroft area. He showed detailed plans for a 2000 square foot animal shelter, complete with 32 runs, visiting centre, and isolation wards.

Dr. Dalton Maxwell (Bancroft Animal Hospital) added the warning that such a facil-

ity - and a Pound for stray animals - should be kept separate from each other. He has seen too often a stray animal bring in a contagious disease which would quickly spread to all the animals in the shelter.

The audience marvelled at the plans presented by Dr. Singh.

Ambitious? Yes. Impractical? No.

This writer often passes a building which bears an uncanny resemblance to the plans.

EDUCATION

Dr. Ernie Mackey, a Veterinarian practising near Maynooth, emphasized,

"So many pet owners need help, guidance, education." He spoke of "the behaviour problems of dogs out of control," and also of "free roaming cats which attack endangered birds."

Heli McKeen, who is Chair of the H.A.R.T. Education Committee, added, "Very few people buy a pet with the idea that they are going to abuse it. The pet owner

did not know better."

She and others emphasized the non-radical, non-confrontational, non-judgmental nature of H.A.R.T.

Bancroft OPP Reports

On Tuesday, January 23 at approximately 10:55 pm, police received a complaint of two missing persons that were overdue from a snowmobile trip into the bush on Loon Call Lake in Anstruther Township.

The two males are Thomas NASH, 25, and his father, Gerald NASH, 51, of Peterborough. Thomas Nash is from Whitby.

Thomas and Gerald Nash went in on one snowmobile and an ATV and became lost and left their vehicles. They entered the bush on foot.

Apsley officers attempted to follow their trail, but due to the snowfall, their tracks became obscured.

The following morning, a search party, consisting of the OPP Emergency Response Team, Apsley Rescue Unit Members,

The organization will be there to assist.

POPULATION CONTROL

"Help control unwanted litters, please have your pet spayed or neutered," H.A.R.T. literature urges.

"Population control is one of the big things," Dr. Mackey agreed. When a questioner asked about the \$150 needed for the procedure, some H.A.R.T. Directors agreed that financial assistance with this might be a distant objective.

FUNDS

For that and many other reasons, fund-raising is a pressing objective. Help could be sent to them at: P.O. Box 1713, Bancroft, Ont.

OPP Canine Unit and several volunteers commenced a search

At approximately 10:45 a.m., the Nash's were located by the OPP Canine Unit and returned to the OPP staging area, wet and tired. They did not require any medical attention.

On Thursday, January 25 at approximately 12:40 pm, Joy WILLIAMS of Cardiff was driving a 1989 red Ford Tempo on Hastings Street North in the Town of Bancroft.

A second vehicle, a 1986 blue Pontiac driven by Richard SWITZER, of Bancroft, was leaving a parking lot and slid on the icy surface and collided with the Williams car as it was turning into the parking lot off of Hastings Street North.

BICROFT COUNCIL

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funding for the Haliburton County Home Support Services was set aside for consideration when the Budget will be finalized.

Peter Whitehead's letter describing the recently formed Highlands Animal Relief Team (HART) and its purpose was discussed. Sindi Hawley, Bicroft's representative on the Municipal Dog Pound Board, added some information including the fact that the Dog Pound puts down more than 500 dogs and many cats in one year.

An offer from Michele MacKinnon to join the Recreation Committee was gratefully accepted. This Committee has 2 members from Council and 4 others but would like more members from the general public.

Cheryl Edwards, Coordinator of the North Hastings Society for Physician Housing requested funding assistance for a house. Council will enquire of other municipalities what they plan to

do. Clerk Sandra McColl asked for direction from Council on how to deal with arrears on taxes. The Council is concerned about the shortage of money to pay operating expenses because of the non payment of taxes on several properties.

Owners of property with no buildings are given 2 years, and those with buildings 3 years, before proceedings for sale for tax arrears are initiated.

DYNO WATER

The council will request a meeting with the Consultants and contractor for the water supply for the 14 homes in Dyno Estates. The results of chlorine tests are not acceptable to the Ministry of the Environment.

Three new firemen were appointed on condition they have a clear medical certificate. A 3 month probationary period begins on February 1. The three men are Paul Ellis, James Mackie and Shawn Hawley. Sindi Hawley declared conflict of interest on this vote.

Sindi Hawley was appointed Bicroft representative on the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority. Its Annual meeting is on February 8.

Glen Covert, Town Foreman and Roads Superintendent, reported that a new electric panel was needed for the lights and heater at the outdoor rink. Council voted to pay the \$300 + taxes for it for the sake of the young people of the community.

Bancroft O.P.P.

On Saturday, January 27 at approximately 11:40 am, Dan TOEWS, of Wilberforce, was operating a 1993 Ford truck, a County of Haliburton plough, and was stopped on Cardiff Township Road facing east.

A second vehicle, a 1988 red Toyota Corolla, driven by Robert SPURRIER, of Toronto, was eastbound and slid on the road and collided with the snow plough.

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